



Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

OCTOBER 4
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

OCTOBER 10
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

OCTOBER 16
ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 18
MINISTERS' LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 20
EVANGELISM /MISSION TEAM

NOVEMBER 1
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

NOVEMBER 10
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

NOVEMBER 14
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

NOVEMBER 15
MINISTERS' LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 17
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

NOVEMBER 24
THANKSGIVING (OFFICE CLOSED)

DECEMBER 1
MINISTERS/WIVES CHRISTMAS BANQUET

DECEMBER 6
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

DECEMBER 8
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

DECEMBER 12
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

DECEMBER 15
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 16, 2022

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157 North Church Street, Ty Ty

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October 2022

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AM Thoughts

The Mell Baptist Association will be Sunday, October 16, 2022, at First Baptist Church of Ty Ty. We ask that those who have Sunday night services transfer their evening service to the Annual Meeting gathering. Registration will begin at 4 pm. There will be a miniconcert at 4:30 pm by Rev. Eric Gonzales. He is a part of the group Three for One and a former minister of music at churches. He will also be leading our worship in music at the Worship Session. There will be a Business Session at 5:00 pm where we will elect officers, leaders, and teams; review our financial reports; consider the 2023 Budget; hear a report on the Cooperative Program, and approve the Book of Reports. In the Worship Session we will hear testimonies from our two mission trips (Rogersville and Mexico) and Rev. Thomas Hammond, Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board will be preaching. Make sure that your church elects its messengers and gets the list to our office so that they will have proper credentials to vote. Everyone is welcome to attend all the sessions! See you then!

Food for thought! Thom S. Ranier in an email from Church Answers on 6/27/2022 says:

-A church without evangelism becomes a church that does not make disciples,
Because there are no new Christians to disciple.
-A church without evangelism becomes a church where members fight over their preferences,
Because the members do not focus on reaching those who are not followers of Christ.
-A church without evangelism becomes a church without true fellowship.
Because true fellowship not only cares for its own, but it looks beyond its own.
-A church without evangelism gets mad at the pastor,
Because the members think they pay the pastor to do evangelism for them.
-A church without evangelism becomes a church that does not do ministry.
Because there are fewer and fewer members to do ministry.
-A church without evangelism becomes a church that strays from the Bible,
Because the Bible clearly teaches to evangelize people with the gospel.
-A church without evangelism becomes a church giving less to missions,
Because there are fewer people to give to missions.
-A church without evangelism becomes a church without prayer,
Because churches that truly pray are concerned for the lost in their communities.
-A church without evangelism becomes a church that cannot worship together,
Because there are fewer people to attend worship services.
-A church without evangelism will soon close its doors.
And that's probably best. Because that church stopped being a church long ago when it decided to no longer be obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

The need to evangelize to be obedient to the Great Commission is why as an association we minister at the Kiwanian's Fish Rodeo, J.A.K.E.S Day, Santa's Helpers Toy Distribution, Home Repair Ministry, Mission Trip to Rogersville, Tennessee, and Mission Trip to Ichmul, Mexico. We are obeying Acts 1:8—being witnesses in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost! To God be the glory!

Tam

CHURCH NEWS

Liberty Baptist Church is seeking a bi-vocational Minister of Music. Must be able to read and teach music, and, preferably, be able to play an instrument. Salary is negotiable. Contact Pastor Steve Tucker, (229) 450-4553 or email to: libertytifton@gmail.com

Omega Baptist Church is looking for a part-time Music Leader. This is a paid position. Contact Pastor Allen Mullis (229-848-1888) or email to: omegabaptistchurch@mediacombb.net

First Baptist Church of Chula is seeking a pastor who will be responsible for proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, engaging in pastoral care of our members and our community, and providing administrative leadership in all areas of our church. Email resumes to pastor-search@fbcchula.com or mail them to 30 Academy Drive, Chula, GA 31733.

First Baptist Church Donalsonville is looking for a full-time Associate Pastor of Music & Worship. He will provide pastoral leadership to our music and worship ministries, and to the church at large. A more detailed job description is available upon request. All interested candidates should send resumes to michael.wingertsahn@fbcdonalsonville.com or mailed to P.O. Box 81 Donalsonville, Ga 39845. For questions contact the church office at 229-524-2166.

Churches wishing to inform the public of upcoming events, please send the information about the event to our office by the 20th in order for it to be included in the newsletter.

Our mailing address is:

Mell Baptist Association
P.O. Box 1547
Tifton, GA 31793

mellbapt@friendlycity.net. Or call (229) 386-0865

Operation Christmas Child 2022

Collection Week: November 14-21

Order free materials at samaritanspurse.org

Note: Central Drop Off Location:

Eastside Baptist

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, call Richard Gaines at 326-9213

Help collect shoeboxes from our area so that children and their families can experience God's love and salvation in Christ!

CELEBRATION

OCTOBER

Birthdays

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| 3 | Allyson Cook | FB Tifton |
| 8 | Britni Rowland | Journey |
| 19 | Leigh Ann Werner | Lakeview |
| 28 | Rev. John Falotico | Enigma |

Anniversaries

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| 19 | Rev/Mrs. Jimmy Parker | Brushy Creek |
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Church Anniversaries

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| 2 | Rev. T. J. Mauldin (2013) | FB Tifton |
| 10 | Rev. Stacy Phillips (2021) | Northside |
| 23 | Rev. Barry Cook (2017) | FB Tifton |
| 24 | Rev. John Hughes (2005) | FB Tifton |

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

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| 12 | Rev. Kiet Le | Vietnamese Mission |
| 13 | Rev. Benji Rowland | Journey |
| 30 | Edna Ruth Gilbert | New River |

Anniversaries

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| 6 | Rev/Mrs. Steve Tucker | Liberty |
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Church Anniversaries

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| 8 | Rev. Jimmy Parker (2006) | Brushy Creek |
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HELP WANTED!

The Mell Baptist Association is seeking a person to fill the responsibilities of the Administrative Assistant. This is a part-time position (16 hours per week). The pay is \$15 per hour. Responsibilities include effective use of QuickBooks, MS Outlook, MS Publisher, MS Word, and MS Access. This person needs people skills to relate to the public. This person will act as Clerk and Treasurer of the Association taking minutes of meetings and taking care of the finances of the association. Our office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Would prefer the Administrative Assistant work 8 am to noon (4 hours) the four days a week, but that is flexible. For more information contact Tom Hocutt at thocutt@gmail.com or call 229-733-8911 .

USEFUL LINKS:

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| Southern Baptist Convention http://www.sbc.net/ | Georgia Baptist Mission Board https://gabaptist.org/ |
| North American Mission Board http://www.namb.net/ | Mell Baptist Association http://mellbapt.com/ |
| International Mission Board http://www.imb.org/ | Christian Index http://christianindex.org |

Food Pantry 2022

The Food Pantry Served 32 in August!

Schedule for 2022

Let the office know if there is a problem with this schedule.

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| October | Brookfield |
| November | Northside |
| December | Brighton Road |



GIFT CARD DRIVE

Instead of gathering products for the Children's Homes, we will be gathering Walmart Gift Cards. These are extremely helpful to the Children's Homes in purchasing the things they need. Each church can collect these cards and bring them to Annual Meeting on October 16. We will see that they get to the appropriate place.



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BCM NEWS

I finally got of the hospital after 30 days and am still on the mend, but I am pretty much back at the BCM most of the time. Being with the students and teaching them is the best medicine I could ever have! God has blessed us, and this has been a good year so far. We are preparing to go to our state conference, and we have 38 students going and many of them are freshmen. Our meeting is about LIVING ON MISSION, and I know that many will make decisions this weekend. I always have a 3-week rule. Many students make decisions based on emotions and if that is the case it will fade shortly after they return. But, if their decision was heartfelt and led by God it will stick. Please pray for those who will make true decisions that they will not get distracted in their calling.

We have several in our Guys and Girls small groups this year. In our guy's group we have one with 10 and another with 12. These are the ones who truly want to grow in their faith. As I think about these young men, I pray for them because these are the ones who will be our future leaders. As I observe this group, I see future pastors, deacons, and Sunday school teachers. Churches need more men who will step up and be mentors and leaders so please pray that these young men will grow up to be these mentors and leaders.

It takes lots of time investing in the lives of students for them to grow and learn how to share their faith, how to study the Bible, how to serve the Lord, and how to live in the world and not be of the world. I asked one of the freshmen girls today why she came to so many Bible studies at church and BCM each week and she said, "I am so tempted by the world outside of here and church that I need constant reminding that Jesus is real, and He is Lord." That is so true it seems as if this year many are more than ever bombarded by the world's view on life, and it is hard to know right from wrong. We are studying Galatians and how Paul was confronting those who wanted the Gentiles to become Jews before becoming Christians. These students are confronted with the world around them telling them they can have Jesus and still live like the world. Please pray for them as they fight to stay true to God!

Again, thanks for your prayers for BCM and me. I am still not out of the woods and still have a long way to go, so please continue to pray for my health.

Penny

FALL SUPPER LIST 2022

- OCT. 3– New River
- OCT. 10 – FBC Tifton
- OCT. 17 – FALL BREAK
- OCT. 24 – Eastside
- OCT. 31 – Fall Festival
- Nov. 7 - Calvary
- NOV. 14 – Mt. Zion
- NOV. 21 – BCM Friendsgiving
- NOV. 28 Crossview

Please let me know if you need to make changes. We are thankful for your hard work! We could not do this without you!

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 229-848-0755
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Mell Monthly Financial

August 2022

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| Funds Received: | \$9,424.00 |
| Actual Budgeted Expenses: | \$7,732.77 |
| Budget Needs: | \$9,360.41 |

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 6, Number 9, October 2022

Urgent Prayer Needs

1. Pray for a spirit of prayer to sweep through our churches that would usher in true repentance and real revival.

Local

1. Pray for our Purpose to become a reality: "Mell Baptist Association exists to encourage churches, strengthen churches, and partner with churches to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ".
2. We are praying for our churches and pastors per an alphabetical list of churches. Pray this time for Alapaha Baptist Church (Scott King, interim pastor), Brighton Road Baptist Church (Clark Harden, pastor), and Brookfield Baptist Church (Steve Davis, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Alapaha, FBC Chula, and Salem.
4. Pray for our city and county officials in Tift, Cook, and Berrien Counties.
5. Pray for our schools, colleges, boards of education, superintendents, principals, teachers, and students.
6. Pray for the lost in your family and your circle of influence (work, school, recreation, neighborhood, etc.).
7. Pray for unity in the body of Christ in our association and surrounding area.
8. Pray for the monthly meetings of our teams: Encouraging/Strengthening, Evangelism/Missions, and Administrative.
9. Pray for the Mell Baptist Association Associational Missionary, Tom Hocutt, and a new Administrative Assistant.
10. Pray for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at ABAC, Penny Chesnut (especially her recovery) as she continues to lead, and her replacement who will begin in January!
11. Pray for the Mell Baptist Association Annual Meeting Sunday, October 16.

State and U.S.

1. Pray for our state government officials.
2. Pray for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board: its Executive Director (Thomas Hammond), its staff, its ministries, and our GBMB Southwest Regional Consultants: Samuel Ayala (Missions), Ovidia Cabrera (Hispanic Ministry), Tim Kilgore (Next Gen), Chris Reynolds (Pastor Wellness), Ray Sullivan (Discipleship), and Steve Foster (Evangelism).
3. Pray for our national government leaders.
4. Pray for the North American Mission Board, its president (Kevin Ezell), staff, and its missionaries.
5. Pray for the Southern Baptist Convention; Interim CEO, Willie McLaurin, of the Executive Committee; and Burt Barber, SBC President.
6. Pray for the revival of God's people and the spiritual awakening of our nation and the world.
7. Pray for the protection and support of our law enforcement, fire fighters, and EMS personnel.

World

1. Pray for the International Mission Board--its president (Paul Chitwood), staff, and missionaries.
2. Pray for the 1.8 billion Muslims of the world that they would come to an understanding of who Jesus Christ is.
3. Pray for the Gospel of Christ to be shared to the unreached people groups in the world.
4. Pray for the protection of Israel, wisdom for Israel as they deal with their enemies, and for the peace of Jerusalem.
5. Pray for protection for our armed forces in Iraq, Syria, and around the globe.
6. Pray that the people of Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and North Korea would have stable governments and that they would have an opportunity to hear the Gospel and respond.
7. Pray for the persecuted Christians of the world especially the believers in Afghanistan.
8. Pray for the cessation of hostilities in Ukraine, the Ukrainian refugees, those ministering to the refugees, and the believers in Ukraine.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

1. Praise the Lord for Eldorado Baptist Church calling Danny Culpepper as pastor!
2. Praise the Lord for the good report for W. E. Fogarty (former pastor of Unity BC) after his brain scan!



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